Statement-IV

SSA-wise Details of Villages without VPTs in the State of Chhatisgarh

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	Total Number of Villages
1.	Bastar	1734
2.	Bilaspur	67
3.	Durg	593
4.	Raigarh	236
5.	Raipur	563
6.	Sarguja	1850
	TOTAL:	5043

Setting up of community information centres in Tamil Nadu

3125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Community Information Centres (CICs) in the hilly and far-flung areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any target has been fixed to set up CICs in the State of Tamil Nadu in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Department of Information Technology is in the process of formulating a plan to facilitate establishment of Common Services Centres (CSCs) in rural areas across the country including State of Tamilnadu. For this purpose, draft guidelines have been prepared which aim to promote establishment of CSCs through appropriate Public Private Parternships (PPPs). Such Centres would have flexibility to offer a mix of services

(from Government & Non-Government including localised services) that may be needed by the local community.

Bailout-package of BSNL and MTNL

3126. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a "bailout package" to BSNL and MTNL during the last three years;

(b) if so, how much amount as "bailout package" has been provided to these two PSUs in the last three years; and

(c) the basis of providing these bailout package and the details of utilization of such amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As BSNL and MTNL are profit making companies, the need for 'bailout package' for these companies has not arisen.

(b) and (c) Do not arisen in view of (a) above.

Criteria for Public PCO in Chhattisgarh

†3127. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great difficulties are being faced in getting PCO allotted at Panchayat level in rural areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that irregularities are also being committed regarding the quality of sets given at the time of providing new connection; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No difficulties are being faced in the allotment of Village public Telephones (VPTs) at Panchayat level in rural areas of Chhattisgarh.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.